

The Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s

steamer "Taisang", from Calcutta, for
Singapore on the 31st December, and
may be expected here on or about the
6th Jan.

ORDER OF CHORAL SERVICE AT ST. JOHN'S
CATHEDRAL.—NEW YEAR'S DAY.
Matins:—Voluntary, 'He shall feed his
flock'; Handel; Venite, Goodson;
Psalms, Wesley &c., To Deum & Ju-
bilate, Galkin in D.; Anthem, 'It is
high time to awake out of sleep';
Kyrie, Sangster; M.S. No. 3; Hymn,
72; Offertory, 74.
Evensong.—Voluntary, 'I know that my
Redeemer liveth', Handel; Psalms,
Purcell, Cooke and Tucker; Cantate,
Hopkins; Deus Misericordie, Littleton;
Hymns, 289, 73, & 166; Voluntary,
'And the Glory of the Lord', Handel.

There will be no issue of the *China Mail* on Monday.

The gunboat *Tomega*, says the *Extremo Oriente*, has received order to proceed home, in addition to the corvette *Bartholomeo Dias*.

The *Extremo Oriente* says that the Portuguese Indian Government has received a telegram from Lisbon, ordering it with all

The following is the programme for Mr Sangster's second organ recital on Tuesday evening :

—Andante, con-varis (From the Septuor) Recitativo, Alexander
—Glorioso March (Le Triomphe) Mendelssohn
—Chorus (Urgent) He not afraid Mendelssohn
—March Furore et chant Sémaphique Gounod
—Written for the Inauguration of the Gounod
—Organ at Notre Dame, Paris Gounod
—(a) Lied Schubert
—(b) Lied Mendelssohn
—Chorus, The Heavens are telling (Creation) Haydn

Nerves are a modern invention, but they are commanding more and more attention from the doctors as time goes on. Probably earlier generations would have been found to possess them, if they had been skillfully dissected, but as it was they supposed knowing anything about the disorders of the nervous system. Now the nerve root-cure is a new departure in medicine to judge from an article in the last *Nineteenth Century* and the

... beautiful in its extreme simplicity
... of stopping in bed. The neuro-
... who interprets the cure dealing
... with the evil now developing
... civilised humanity, but has nothing to
... prescribe. 'A Spanish merchant in
... told his medical man that he al-
... to bed for two or three days when
... could be spared from his business, and
... laughed at those who spent their time

ays on toilsome mountains. One of the earliest worked women in England, who was for many years conducted a large wax business, retaining excellent nerves at an advanced age owing, it is believed, to the habit of taking one day a week in which she put in the abstract 'cure for nerves.' The remedy is found in 'the maintenance of agreeable sensation and the avoidance of nervous agitation.' But will be-

The Calcutta Chamber of Commerce have forwarded a memorial to Sir Stewart Bayley, urging that the Government of India should be asked to make further representations to the Peking authorities on the subject of the restrictions placed by Tibetans

officials on trade with India. The necessity of having the Tibetans removed from the Chamelap-la Pass is a point on which we have already remarked, and the Calcutta Chamber are probably quite right in supposing that when this and other obstacles had disappeared, a trade of considerable importance might be hoped for. The first information on this subject, with any pretensions to definiteness or precision, was embodied in

report on Indian wool which the Director of Agriculture in Bengal laid before the local Government some months ago. As a result of inquiry, Mr. Finlancan found both at large supplies of wool were available in Tibet and that it was of a class and price which would make it a highly remunerative article of trade. One Tibet merchant offered to deliver ten thousand maunds at Darjeeling for Rs. 16 a maund, or say three and a-half

one a pound, and the Calcutta firms who examined the samples stated that the wool would fetch 63s. to 7d. in the London market. There can be little doubt, therefore, that if the demand and supply were allowed to come together freely, a large trade would spring up, and the Government ought to do all in their power to effect this. The first step is of course the clearing of the Nepalese Pass, but it will also be necessary, as Mr. ...

Mr. Pluane points out, to improve the basis of communication with the Tibetan frontier, and specially favourable freight rates might be given on wool between Darbhing and Calcutta.

MR O'BRIEN'S TROUSERS.—Nothing does more to diminish the hold of the Irish upon the sympathy and even comprehension of foreigners than the ridiculous

duct of some of its champions: Of this O'Brien's fight with his jailer over the prison yard is a striking illustration. There is, of course, both meanness and cruelty in treating political prisoners like common criminals. The object of it is to humiliate and irritate—for it cannot do either—the victim in the eyes of the world. If O'Brien had, along with his unblemished sincerity, a very small allowance

greatness of soul—to say nothing of sense of humor—he would scorn to let his enemies see that he could be either humiliated or irritated by the cut or color of trousers or shirts. What can be more satisfying to Balfour than the knowledge that he is compelling one of Britain's chief enemies to lie abed all day like a sulky invalid, lest he should be dressed in clothes of wrong color if he got up? Fancy Hamp-

or Sydney trying to serve 'the good cause' by passing his days in his nightgown under a blanket. 'T. P. Gill, M.P., in *the Tribune*, as usual, tries to make the air as ridiculous as possible by giving the full story of the nameless deed that was perpetrated on Mr William O'Brien one morning.' The 'nameless deed' is the abstraction of his trousers in the night and the substitution therefor of a

pair of prison manufacture. According to the *Tribune* in order to accomplish their hellish purpose 'they lulled the prisoner into a feeling of security, and the outrage was committed while he dozed at day dawn.' The question now is, would it be right to accept Munn rule from the British Government, even if it were offered, and Mr O'Brien's trousers were previously returned to him? It would seem not.